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This is UNEVALUATED  
Information

1. The following loadings of troops and materiel from the Olympisches Dorf were made at the Dallgow-Doberitz railroad station on 9 April:

At about 2:30 p.m. A train of an undetermined number of flatcars with 16 x 76-mm field guns, about 40 trucks including 25X1

1 sedan, 2 field kitchens, 12 motorcycles with sidecars, of 12 boxcars with troops and 16 boxcars with billeting equipment was dispatched toward a westerly direction.

At about 8 p.m. A train of an undetermined number of flatcars with 9 x 76-mm field guns, 38 trucks 25X1

1 workshop truck, 25 boxcars with troops and billeting equipment. Another 15 trucks stood ready to be loaded.<sup>1</sup> 25X1

2. On 10 April, the Weisse Stadt Settlement in Oranienburg was vacated by the Soviets and, partly, reoccupied by civilians. The board fence was torn down. Only one of the buildings was occupied by air force soldiers. 25X1

3. The following troops and materiel were unloaded at, or passed through, the Oranienburg freight station:

At about 10:30 a.m. on 6 April: 2 officers and 12 EM wearing black epaulets were unloaded from 1 boxcar and 4 trucks 25X1

and 4 artillery pieces were unloaded from 8 flatcars. The troops and vehicles moved toward the Weisse Stadt Settlement. They had come from Wustermark.<sup>3</sup>

At about 4:30 p.m. on 8 April: A train of 10 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 1 boxcar with field kitchens, 20 flatcars with 8 x 100-mm AT guns, 12 trucks 25X1

and 1 prime mover and 2 flatcars with billeting equipment passed through the railroad station from the direction of Wustermark and proceeded toward Loewenberg.<sup>4</sup>

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4. On 23 March, at about 2 p.m., 50 trucks [redacted] 25X1  
3 radio trucks, and 8 rocket launchers of 132 mm were loaded onto  
an undetermined number of flatcars, and troops onto 5 boxcars,  
at the Eberswalde railroad station, for shipment toward a northerly  
direction. No details were obtained on a second train that followed.  
At about 10 a.m. on 1 April, a large number of trucks [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] and several rocket launchers were unloaded  
at the Eberswalde railroad station and moved toward the center of  
the town. [redacted] On 1 April, the cantonment on Breitscheid Strasse  
was occupied by a rear unit.<sup>6</sup> 25X1
5. On 10 April, the barracks installations of Eberswalde were occupied  
to capacity. Daily training activity included recruit training and  
firing practice with machine guns, submachine guns, AT guns and  
tanks and signal practices in Trampe. On 1 and 7 April, tanks were  
loaded. On 10 April, the Schuetzen Kaserne was occupied by about  
4,600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and  
artillery insignia and black-bordered black epaulets. The troops  
included the headquarters. Training activity in the billeting area  
included recruit drill, practice with 132-mm rocket launchers.  
Armored scout cars [redacted] and motor vehicles [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] were identified. On 10 April,  
the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied by about 4,500 troops who  
wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia  
and black-bordered black epaulets. Three tanks, armored scout car  
[redacted] 1 truck [redacted] towing 120-mm mortar were  
seen leaving the installation, and other motor vehicles [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] were seen in traffic to and from the installa-  
tion. At about 4:45 p.m. on 1 April, 3 JS-3 tanks, 3 T-34/85 tank  
chassis and 400 to 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets  
were loaded. At about 7:15 a.m. on 7 April, 3 JS-3 tanks [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] 2 SP guns and 2 T-34/85 tank chassis and 25 soldiers  
wearing red-bordered black epaulets were loaded.<sup>6</sup> 25X1
6. The following loadings were observed at the reloading ramp in the  
barracks installation at Schunke Lake:
- At about 11 a.m. on 6 April: 7 x 76-mm AA guns, 14 trucks, 2  
field kitchens, were loaded onto an undetermined number of  
flatcars, officers and troops onto 8 boxcars, and 4 trucks with  
billeting equipment 2 trucks with potatoes, and 2 radio trucks  
[redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] onto other flatcars.  
[redacted] The train left Sperenberg at 1 p.m. toward Neu-  
Buckow. Another train of the same composition pulled out of the  
Sperenberg railroad station at about 4:15 p.m. 25X1
- At about 6:45 a.m. on 7 April: 10 trucks mounting AA machine guns,  
10 boxcarloads of troops, 7 x 76-mm AA guns and other 8 trucks  
including one with a kitchen and 1 boxcarload of ammunition were  
loaded. [redacted] 25X1
- Between 6 and 7 April, 3 other troop trains were loaded at the  
Sperenberg railroad station. [redacted] On 10 April, soldiers at  
company strength engaged in callisthenics in the former Eisenbahn  
Pionier Kaserne in Rehden. No guns and vehicles were allegedly  
seen any longer.<sup>7</sup> 25X1

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1. Comment. Final loadings of the 2d Light Arty Brig to the summer camp near Speck, west of Neustrelitz. 25X1
2. Comment. The Weisse Stadt Settlement in Oranienburg did not quarter army units during the winter months. At the end of February 1953, a reliable source reported that the quarters would soon be reoccupied by army units from the area of Neustrelitz. A topographic headquarters arrived in the restricted area from the U.S.S.R. on 24 March. The fact that this headquarters was said to have departed again prior to 10 April must be confirmed. 25X1
3. Field Comment. This train with motor vehicles of the 25th Tank Div was unloaded in Brandenburg on 30 March and from there loaded again toward Oranienburg on 5 April. 25X1
4. Comment. The information refers to one of the five shipments of units of the 2d Light Arty Brig from Doeberitz to Neustrelitz. See also paragraph 1 of the report. 25X1
5. Comment. The troop train on 23 March, which carried elements of the 312th Gds RL Regt to Lieberose, was previously reported. The train returned to Eberswalde on 26 March. the train was dispatched from Eberswalde to Lieberose on 1 April. 25X1
6. Comment. The information tends to indicate that, prior to 10 April, all units in Eberswalde were still in their quarters. The cantonment on Breitscheid Strasse has been occupied by only a rear unit since late February 1953 while, formerly, it housed signal units, presumably of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.
7. Comment. The 35th Engr Regt of the Third Gds Mecz Army is stationed in the barracks installation at Schumke Lake. On 6 and 7 April, trains went from Sperenberg to Neubuckow. Both the information that the AA guns went to Neubuckow as well as observations in the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne allow the definite conclusion that elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div stationed in the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne east of Rehagen were loaded over the loading ramp of the old engineer training site at Sperenberg which is situated in the area of the barracks installation at Schumke Lake. No confirmatory information has been received on the three other trains loaded at the Sperenberg railroad station. 25X1

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